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Office Action Summary

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MURPHY ET AL.

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FARUK HAMZA

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 83, 84, 89, 90 and 92 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 80-82, 85-88, 91 and 93 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 83, 84, 89, 90 and 92 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on February 29, 2008. Claims 83-84, 89-90 and 92 have been amended. Claims 1-79 have been canceled. Claims 80-82, 85-88, 91 and 93 have been withdrawn. Claims 83-84, 89-90 and 92 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 83-84, 89-90 and 92 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lamming et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,862,321) hereinafter referred as Lamming and further in view of Shapiro et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,991,810) hereinafter referred as Shapiro.

Lamming teaches the invention substantially as claimed including a system including any number workstations, file servers, printers and other fixed devices coupled in a network, and a number of portable devices carried by users and coupled to the network. The device is programmed to receive transmit and store document reference or token (abstract).

As to claim 83, 89 and 92 Lamming teaches a method in a distributed system comprised of a plurality of lookup services with associated network

services and a client lookup manager with an associated cache, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at the client lookup manager a request to access a network service (abstract, Column 5, lines 62-Column 6, lines 10);

retrieving, using the client lookup manager, a reference to a lookup service, wherein said lookup service is associated with said network service (abstract, Column 4, lines 40-67, Column 6, lines 13-63);

sending, from the client lookup manager, a request to the lookup service identifying the network service to be accessed (Column 4, lines 40-67, Column 6, lines 13-63); and

displaying at least one icon identifying the network service to be accessed, when the network service to be accessed is available (Column 6, lines 13-63).

Lamming does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation of retrieving a reference from the associated cache.

However, Shapiro teaches the claimed limitation of retrieving a reference from the associated cache (Column 2, lines 29-33, Column 5, lines 18-34).

It would have been obvious to the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Lamming by adding cache memory, which would store data for very fast access. One would be motivated to do such to enhance system's performance.

As to claim 84 and 90 Lamming teaches the method according to claim 83, wherein the retrieving step further comprises searching a table of the plurality

of lookup services and associated network services for said network service
(Column 2, lines 41-43).

3. **Examiner's Note:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in its entirety as potentially teaching of all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory

period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faruk Hamza whose telephone number is 571-272-7969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached at 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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